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SUBJ: FY 71 MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CAMBODIA

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1. DEPT IS NOW IN PROCESS OF INFORMING KEY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION OF DOLS 40 MILLION FOR CAMBODIAN FY 71 MAP, PRIOR TO TRANSMITTING DETERMINATION TO HOUSE AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES NLT AUGUST 22. FIGURE WILL THEN BECOME PUBLIC.

2. FOR PHNOM PENH: IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY INFORMED GOC OF DOLS 40 MILLION LEVEL, YOU SHOULD NOWSRPT NOW DO SO. FOR OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES: YOU MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS IF YOU WISH.

3. FY 71 MAP AS FIXED BY PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION CONSISTS MAINLY OF AMMUNITION AND AIR MUNITIONS. IT IS NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATED THAT DOLS 40 MILLION WILL BE THE TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED IN FY 71, BUT WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE AT THIS TIME THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CAMBODIA WILL BE FORTHCOMING. THEREFORE OUR PLANNING ASSUMES THAT PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED DOLS 40 MILLION REPRESENTS TOTAL CAMBODIAN FY 71 MAP. WE ARE, HOWEVER, WORKING ON SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

4. EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN EMBASSY PHNOM PENH AND GOC CONSTITUTING MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 20. THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION OR TO AID LEVEL FOR FY 71 OR ANY OTHER YEAR. LIKE SIMILAR AGREEMENTS IN FORCE WITH OTHER RECIPIENTS OF U.S. MILITARY AID, AGREEMENT WITH CAMBODIA MERELY PROVIDES FOR MECHANICS AND ADMINISTRATION OF WHATEVER AID USG MAY PROVIDE TO GOC. IN PARTICULAR, AGREEMENT INVOLVES NO US COMMITMENT AND DOES NOT AFFECT CAMBODIAN NEUTRALITY BUT IS SIMILAR IN CONTENTS TO THOSE IN FORCE WITH OTHER NEUTRAL COUNTRIES SUCH AS INDONESIA AND GUINEA.
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